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SILENT KEY

It is with regret that we have to announce the passing away of OM Anisio de A. Soares, ZS6ADS, on June the 24th. He was 80 years of age and for the last 10 years stayed in the Nazareth Home for the Aged in Queen Wilhelmina Ave, Pretoria.

He was originally from Mozambique where he was at a stage President of the Radio League of Mozambique.

He was always an enthusiastic radio amateur and wrote a paper on the design and construction of transformers.

He was a member of an amateur radio family consisting of 10 amateurs in Mozambique, South Africa, Angola, Brazil and Portugal. A certificate could be obtained by any amateur who made contact with all 10 of them. He even had an HF station in Nazareth House for a few months but could not operate it successfully due to hearing problems at his age.

Our sincerest sympathy with his daughter and husband, Isabella and Julio and his grandchildren Annabella and Paula, other relatives and friends.

PAUSE

In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp

not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL.

The news follows in detail:

SARL COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

The following portfolios were allocated at the Council meeting held on Saturday 21st June 2003:

Hans Potgieter ZS6ALJ: President, IARU liaison, ICASA liaison, Technical interference / modifications / SABS EMC TC71&72; Graham Hartlett ZS6GJH: Vice-president, Radio ZS advertising, Public Relations & Communications, Club liaison; Yvonne van Dijk ZR6TBL: Secretary, Website, CW exemptions; Bill Norval ZS5KD: Treasurer; Andrew Roos ZS1AN: To be allocated; Dennis Green ZS4BS: Radio ZS editor, Bulletins, Awards and Contests, HF Manager and Band Planning; Francois Botha ZS6BUU: Minute secretary, QSL Bureau, NARC Manager, Hamnet, Bookshop, SARL Monitoring Service; John Fielding ZS5JF: VHF manager / beacons / repeaters, VHF Band Planning - National, Awards and Contests; John Smith ZS6AN: To be allocated; Kobus Conradie ZR6D: New technology; Laurie Devereux ZS5DL: ARMI, Intecnets; Lucas Swart ZS6ACT: Technical Interference / Modifications / SABS EMC TC 71&72, CW examinations; Peter Hers ZS6PHD: RAE, Youth Education and Education, PDC, Club Liaison; Ton van Dijk ZS6ANA: DX Cluster, Satellite, Digital and IRLP.

INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE SARL COUNCIL AND CLUBS

One of the initiatives of the new Council is to improve communication between the Council of the SARL and all Amateur Radio Clubs in Southern Africa. In order to do this, we need your assistance to bring our database of club contact information up to date, to ensure that all clubs can be contacted.

The intention is to send regular communications regarding matters of importance to radio amateurs in Southern Africa, as well as news of the progress the Council is making in transforming the SARL to better serve the interests of all radio amateurs.

An initial email has been sent to all clubs requesting up to date contact information. If you currently serve on your club committee and have not received our email then kindly make contact with Peter Hers, ZS6PHD, at email zs6phd@mweb.co.za or on cell 083 445 4634.

If you have received our communication and have not yet replied, please do so as soon as possible. As at 26th June we have received contact details from 16 clubs out of a possible total of 39. Peter is waiting to hear from you.

LAST CHANGE TO HONOUR HAM RADIO'S STAR PERFORMERS

There are only two weeks left to send in your nominations for the Siemens Radio Amateur of the Year Awards. The closing date is 15 July 2003. The awards will be presented at a breakfast function in Johannesburg on 12 August. The winners will be flown to Johannesburg if they are from other parts of South Africa.

Have you looked around your club and made the effort to recognise some one who is making a major contribution to the promotion or development of Amateur Radio being it at a technical or promotional level? Is there a young radio amateur that is going out of his or her way to promote amateur radio amongst his or her peer group?

It is difficult to believe that there are so a few people that are nominated each year for this prestige award.

Get full details and a nomination form the SARL web at www.sarl.org.za or send an Email to saardt@intekom.co.za or a fax to 012 991 5651.

2 m CONTACTS VIA METEOR SCATTER

Pieter Jacobs, ZR1AEE, in JF96IA, wishes to bring it to the attention of all that it is now possible to make contact on 2 m any time of the day any place in South Africa and possibly surrounding countries with the software package WSJT using meteor scatter propagation. 70 cm contacts are now also possible between div 6 and div 4. Tests are being done between div 1 and div 2 at this stage. More interested parties are needed in both divisions. Please contact ZS6WB, ZS2BWB, ZR6DXB, ZS4NS, ZS1NAZ, or ZR1AEE. They wish to see you on the VHF bands.

AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE GETS BETTER RECOGNITION IN THE USA

In the United States, the federal government's Department of Homeland Security has taken a look at ham radio and apparently likes what it sees.

The agency which is responsible for protecting the nations infrastructure and its citizens is showing its trust by signing a Statement of Affiliation with that nation's only recognised national ham radio society: The American Radio Relay League.

The memorandum also calls on both groups to collaborate in several other areas, including raising public awareness of Amateur Radio as a public safety resource and providing training and accreditation for Amateur Radio emergency communications.

What do we do here about our situation?

AMATEUR RADIO CONTINUES TO GROW IN THE USA

According to a report a total of 20 247 brand new hams joined the hobby for the first time in the year ending May 1st in the USA.

An average of 1 688 new hams passed their exam over the past 12 months versus 1 580 in the preceding year. Statistically, that's a solid 6,8% overall increase making it some long awaited good news for the hobby.

Can we improve on that percentage growth here?

CAPE TOWN AMATEUR RADIO CENTRE NEWS

The Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre held its AGM on 23rd June. At the meeting Honorary Life Memberships were bestowed upon Dennis Wells, ZS1AU, and Bud Voortman, ZS1B, in recognition of the outstanding contributions they have made to the club over many years. An Outstanding Achievement Award was made to Barry Fletcher, ZS1FJ, in recognition of his contribution to Amateur Radio in South Africa.

The following members were elected to the committee:

Chairman - Andrew Roos, ZS1AN; Secretary/Treasurer - Peter Henochsberg, ZR1PH. Other members: Dave Reece, ZS1DFR; Bud Voortman, ZS1B; Barry Fletcher, ZS1DFR; Tony McEwen, ZR1T.

Portfolios will be allocated at the first meeting of the new committee.

Deon Erwin, ZR1DQ, was elected Honorary Auditor.

NEW COMMITTEE FOR COALFIELDS CLUB

The AGM of Coalfields Radio Club, Witbank took place on Saturday 21st June when the following members were elected / re-elected to the club's committee for the next 12 months: Chairman.....Clive ZS6AVP; Vice chairman /secretary /treasurer..Peter ZS6AEU; Committee members.....John ZS6APE, Piet ZR6AUR, Andre ZS6AJI and John ZS6JBJ.

Many thanks to retiring members of the previous committees of these clubs and may the new committees lead the clubs to new heights in the year ahead.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Closing date for nominations for the Radio Amateurs of the Year Awards 15 July; Flea market in Pretoria on August the 2nd. Call Magda ZS6MVW at 012 386 4901 or Almero ZR6RY at 082 908 3359 for table bookings.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin which was compiled by George, ZS6NE and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone. /EX